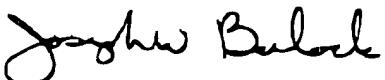


REMARKS

Claims directed to furans, hydroxyfurans and furanones are currently pending. Upon Examiner's suggestion, the hydroxyfuran and furanone subject matter are to be prosecuted in a co-pending application (SN 08/425,029). Similarly, Claims 64-66, pertaining to the method of using the furans as antiinflammatory agents, are provided herein.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 59, and 63-66 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and allowance of Claims 59 and 63-66 are respectfully solicited.

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